



# THE DAILY COMMONWEALTH.

FRANKFORT.....TUESDAY, FEB. 15, 1848.

## KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

IN SENATE.

MONDAY, Feb. 14, 1848.

The Senate was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. ROBINSON, of the Presbyterian church.

Journal was read by the Clerk.

A message from the House, by the Clerk, announcing the passage of certain bills, &c.

Petitions.

Petitions were presented by Senators Patterson, Crenshaw, McNary and Brien.

Mr. HOBBS had the unanimous consent of the Senate to report a bill from a select committee, incorporating the 2d Baptist Church in Louisville, which was read and passed.

Mr. HELM, from the committee on the Sinking Fund, called up the unfinished report from that committee, which was a bill for the benefit of the heirs and widow of Wm. R. McKee, dec'd.; read and passed.

Mr. PATTERSON, from the Judiciary committee, a bill for the benefit of the illegitimate children of James Holland, of Caldwell county; read and passed.

Mr. CRENSHAW, from the same committee, a bill to amend the penal laws—making the mischievous injury of private or public property a penal offence; read a second time.

### High Court of Impeachment.

On motion of Mr. JAMES, the Senate resolved itself into a High Court of Impeachment, in the case of the Commonwealth vs. John A. Duff, late Surveyor of Perry county, for high crimes and misdemeanors in office.

The Court being duly opened, the examination of witnesses was continued until 1 o'clock, when a recess was had until 2 o'clock.

### EVENING SESSION.

The entire evening was consumed in the examination of witnesses. At 5 o'clock the Court adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

On motion, the Senate adjourned.

### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Petitions were presented by Messrs. Quarles, Grainger, Boulware, Collins, Miller (arremonstrance), Chilton, Culliton, Wilkins and Grubb, which were appropriately referred.

Mr. MOORE—Jury—had leave at this time, to report a bill to establish the town of Buena Vista, in Russell county; read and passed.

Also, a bill for the benefit of the Sheriff of Laurel county; read and passed.

Also, a bill to amend the Trustee law of the town of London; read and passed.

### Reports of Standing Committees.

Mr. J. N. STEPHENS—Propositions and Grievances—a Senate bill to run and mark a part of the line between Jefferson and Shelby counties; read and passed.

Also, a Senate bill to enlarge the limits of the town of Cadiz; read and passed.

Also, a bill to incorporate a Fire Company in the town of Winchester; read and passed.

A message from the Senate, announcing the passage of a bill.

Also, a bill to repeal an act prohibiting the sale of spirituous liquors in the town of Lagrange, &c.; read and passed.

Mr. HAGGARD moved a re-consideration of the vote, by which the bill to continue in force the law incorporating the Louisville and Shepherdsville Turnpike Company was passed.

He advocated the motion to re-consider, at some length.

Mr. T. D. BROWN was in favor of the motion; he thought the bill itself bore the evidence of fraud upon its face, by referring to an act of incorporation passed in 1835.

Mr. BARLOW hoped the motion would prevail, in order that the House could do justice to the people living in that portion of the State.

Mr. HARDY advocated the motion; he thought the bill would be oppressive to the people living in that portion of the State.

Mr. MILLER opposed the motion to re-consider, at length; he did not think the bill fraudulent in its character. The law of 1835 was in the Capitol, and might be seen by all; there were some restrictions to the right to take tolls—the Company were compelled to McAdamize it within two years, &c.

Mr. GRAINGER read a portion of the bill, and said it had been misapprehended by the gentleman from Cumberland, (Mr. Haggard.) He opposed the re-consideration at some length.

Mr. DOHONEY was in favor of the motion.

Mr. DUNCAN advocated the motion at some length.

Mr. COLLINS said the committee had had a copy of the same bill under consideration and were about to report favorably thereon, when it came from the Senate. He thought the principle involved was an important one, and that was, that a county had no right to make its own roads, &c.

The vote was re-considered, also the vote, which it was ordered to its third reading, and the bill was then committed to a select committee.

Upon the question to commit with instructions to report this afternoon,

Mr. GRAINGER said he was not at all astonished that the gentleman from Cumberland opposed the instructions to report this afternoon. He tells you he is opposed to the bill in any shape or form, and it is easy to see that he does not wish to perfect it, but wants to consign it to the Tombs of the Capitols. He hoped the bill would be referred with the instructions.

A message from the Governor, announcing his approval of certain bills, &c.

The SPEAKER laid before the House a communication from the 2d Auditor in reply to the resolution offered by Mr. McReynolds; read, and on motion of Mr. Christopher, 500 copies were ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. COLLINS, Mr. Hardy was added to the committee on Internal Improvement.

Mr. T. D. BROWN, of the select committee, to whom was referred the bill to abolish the militia system and to revise and permanently establish Common Schools in this Commonwealth, reported a substitute for said bill; read.

Mr. WOLFORD moved to make the bill the special order for Thursday next; carried.

Mr. MCKINNEY, of the committee on enrollments, made a report.

Mr. J. N. STEPHENS, against the petition of sundry citizens of Cumberland county; concurred in.

Also, a bill authorising the County Court of Mason to sell certain county property, &c.; read and passed.

Also, a Senate bill to enlarge the powers of the Trustees of the town of Louise; read and passed.

Also, a bill for the benefit of Ann H. Cundiff, of Clay county; read and passed.

Also, a bill for the benefit of Price Snyder, of Simpson county; read and passed.

Also, against the petition of sundry citizens of Graves county; concurred in.

Mr. GARNETT—Propositions and Grievances—a bill allowing an additional Justice of the Peace to the county of Barren; read and passed.

Also, a bill to repeal the law in relation to private passways in Mercer county; read and passed.

Mr. J. N. STEPHENS asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition of Margaret Anderson; granted.

Mr. CULTON moved to refer the petition to the committee of Ways and Means; carried.

Mr. HOLMES—Privileges and Elections—bill to establish an additional precinct in the county of Boone; read and passed.

Mr. BERRY—Claims—a bill for the benefit of John W. Hazlerigg; read and passed.

Also, a Senate bill for the benefit of Rebecca Claypool; read.

Also, a Senate bill for the benefit of Wm. Rowlet of Owen county; read.

Mr. BLANTON made a statement of the facts in the case.

The yeas and nays being called on the final passage of the bill, it was passed 49 to 32.

Orders of the Day.

The motion to re-consider the vote, by which the bill, modifying the law of 1833, made by Mr. WRIGHT on Friday last, came up in order at this time.

Mr. WRIGHT withdrew the motion.

Mr. HANSON made a question of order as to the right of the mover to withdraw the motion to re-consider.

The SPEAKER decided that the mover had not such a right, after it had been entered on the Journal by the Clerk.

Mr. FLOYD moved the previous question.

Mr. HANSON raised the question, that a motion for the previous question must be supported by four-fifths of the House—it being a constitutional provision, that free debate should be had, and it requiring four-fifths to dispense with it.

The SPEAKER decided that any gentleman had the right to move the previous question, and that a majority of the House was sufficient to sustain it, and that it was not the duty of the Chair to decide upon the constitutionality of this question.

And then the House adjourned.

Mr. HANSON appealed from the decision of the Chair.

For the Commonwealth.

WHIG MEETING IN CARTER.

At a meeting of the Whigs of Carter county, at the Court House in Grayson, on the 5th day of Feb. 1848, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Whig Convention, to be convened at Frankfort on the 22d day of February inst.

On motion of George W. Ward, Col. Wm. G. Carter was called to the chair, and Elias P. Davis was appointed secretary.

On motion of John C. McGlossen, George W. Ward, John T. Shepherd, Jack B. Ward, David Devore and Maj. Larkie Dawson, were appointed a committee to draft resolutions for this meeting, and appointed delegates to the Whig State Convention at Frankfort on the 22d day of this month, who, after retiring for a short time, reported the following preamble and resolutions.

Resolved, by the Whigs of Carter county here assembled, that George W. Ward, Maj. Larkie Dawson, John T. Shepherd, Jackson B. Ward, Thos. Burroughs, Wm. Kirby, George W. Crawford, Gabriel Scott, James Lampton, Thomas J. Hood and Dr. A. J. Lansdowne, be the delegates from this county to convention, and that they are earnestly requested to attend the deliberations of the Convention, and co-operate with the Whigs then and there assembled.

Resolved, That although we could designate names from amongst the distinguished gentlemen who have been presented to the people to fill these offices; and although the Whigs of this county may have a preference for certain individuals—yet to produce harmony, concert and union, we leave our delegates instructed and free, to select the most acceptable names, after consultation, for the important offices to be filled in this Commonwealth, hereby pledging ourselves to the nomination of the Convention a hearty support.

Resolved, That although the Whigs of Carter county are in a minority, that they have always felt, and still feel an ardent attachment for Whig principles, and will bring out their strength at the coming election, and use all honorable means to secure the election of the nominees of the Convention.

Resolved, That Capt. L. M. Cox has our thanks for his able defence of Whig principles, in his late arduous canvas for Congress in this district, and carries him to Mexico the best wishes for his health, and honorable distinction in the service of his country, and the hope of the Whigs of Carter county, that he will be enabled to return to his native soil.

Resolved, That the Whigs of Carter have no fears of the result of the coming election, if all will do their duty as they intend to discharge theirs; that the usual zeal of the Whigs of the State will carry the election by an overwhelming majority, notwithstanding the boasted prediction of the locofoco party.

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting are tendered to Col. W. G. Carter, for the able and dignified manner in which he has presided over its deliberations.

Resolved, That the Kentucky Whig and Frankfort Commonwealth be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting, the meeting then adjourned.

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